

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-27 are pending in the present application. In this response, claims 1, 4, and 18 have been amended, and claims 2-3 have been canceled.

Claims Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 18-24 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite. In addition, claims 1, 2, 9 and 18-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by Wilson (U.S. Patent No. 5,113,116) and Wilson (U.S. Patent No. 5,216,338). In order to further the prosecution of the application, Applicant has amended claims 1, 4 and 18 without acquiescence and prejudice as set forth above. In addition, Applicant has canceled claims 2-3. Furthermore, considering that claim 9 includes all of the features and limitations of amended independent claim 1 from which they depend, this claims is patentable at least to the same extent that amended independent claim 1 is patentable. In addition, considering that claims 19-24 include all of the features and limitations of amended independent claim 18 from which they depend, these claims are patentable at least to the same extent that amended independent claim 18 is patentable.

Allowable Claims

Applicant is please that that the Examiner has allowed claims 13-17 and 25-27.

Allowable Claims and Claim Amendments

The Examiner has found claims 3-12 allowable if they are rewritten independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In order to further the prosecution of the application, Applicant has amended claim 1 as set forth above, by adding the limitations of claims 2 and 3 to claim 1. Claim 4 has been amended to depend from allowable claim 1. Furthermore, considering that claims 4-12 include all of the features and limitations of amended independent claim 1 from which they depend, this claims is patentable at least to the same extent that amended independent claim 1 is patentable.

Claims 18-24

In order to further the prosecution of the application, Applicant has amended claim 18 without acquiescence and prejudice as set forth above. Claim 18 has been amended to better articulate its metes and bounds to set forth an ultrasonic system having a driver circuit whose controller operates in a manner similar to that set forth by allowed claims 13. In addition, considering that claims 19-24 include all of the features and limitations of amended independent claim 18 from which they depend, these claims are patentable at least to the same extent that amended independent claim 18 is patentable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,

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